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Toothbrush Bodies of Toothbrushes

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference(s):

- 1) DE 195 42 102
- 2) DE 41 27 621
- 3) DE 44 17 986
- 4) DE 44 39 431
- 5) DE 197 22 366
- 6) EP 0 504 571
- 7) EP 0 836 923

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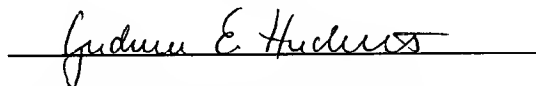
The references 1) through 7) have been cited in the German office action in the parallel German patent application. The references 3), 5), 6) and 8) have been cited in the European Search Report in the parallel European patent application. Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

A translation of the relevant part of the office action issued by the German Patent Office and a translation of the European Search report are enclosed to show the relevance of the cited references. Please note that a German patent has issued already on the parallel German application for patent in view of the cited references 1) through 7).

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- ☒ PTO 1449
- ☒ eight reference(s)
- ☒ European search report (incl. translation)
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